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SUBJECT: IRELAND: SECOND APPEAL TO EU TO ASSIST HAITI IN  
MEETING FIRST-HALF FY06 FINANCING GAP

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On August 31, emboff delivered reftel talking points to  
Department of Foreign Affairs Americas Section Third  
Secretary Margaret Stanley. Stanley said that Ireland will

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not provide bilateral assistance to help Haiti meets its  
first-half FY06 financing gap, but instead, would funnel any  
assistance through the EU. She said that Haiti is a high  
priority for the EU and that the UK's EU presidency will host  
a development meeting on September 6, in which this issue is  
likely to be raised. She has not seen an agenda for this  
meeting, but if the Haitian financing gap is discussed, as it  
was in June, and Haiti is now deemed as compliant with the  
Cotonou Agreement (as she suspects it will be), decisions are  
likely to be taken to allocate funds already set aside by EU  
Member States, including by Ireland.

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